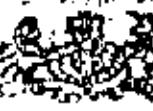


INTIMATIONS.


GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, MEXICAN DOLLARS Current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in exchange for **BILLS** drawn ON **DEMAND** on the Government of **INDIA**, **CUTTACKA**, will be received by the District Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until **TWELVE** Noon, **TO-MORROW**, the 12th instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required in Rupees, and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums below Rs. 10,000.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to "The District Paymaster, Army Pay Department," and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders is reserved.

ARTHUR GIBSON, Major,
Staff Paymaster.

Treasury Chief Office,
Queen's Road, Hongkong,
11th May, 1888. (30)

FOR SHANGHAI

THE Steamship

"PEKING,"

Captain C. Hennemann, will be despatched for the above Port **TO-DAY**, the 11th instant, at **ELEVEN A.M.**

For Freight or Passage, apply to
STEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1888. 1900

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON & VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 "The Company's" Steamers
 "MENELAUS,"
 has been despatched as above
 on THURSDAY, the 21st May, 1883.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 Hongkong, 9th May, 1883.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
 HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE—KWOK YUNG PO, alias
 KWOK A PO, alias KWOK HE
 KAI, residing on the 2nd floor of house No. 14,
 Kowloon, on the 12th day of Victoria, Hongkong,
 Traded, having been adjudged a Bankrupt,
 under a Petition for Adjudication in Bankruptcy,
 filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on the 12th day of May, 1883, a public
 Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass his last
 examination and receive application for his Order
 of Discharge, will be held on the Honorable
 ROYAL JAMES ACKROYD, Acting Judge of

the said Court, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, aforesaid, on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon of that day precisely.

ARNOLD CASCOVE-WATSON, Esquire, is the Official Assignee in the Bankruptcy, and the undersigned is the Solicitors, acting for the Bankrupt.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1888.

HENRY S. MOSSOP,
Solicitors,
43, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
HONGKONG.

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L. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
— ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR —
NEW STOCK OF SUMMER HATS
Consisting of—
"TERRA" FELT HATS.
SOFT CRUSH FELT HATS.
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CASCUTUA PITH SUN-HATS.
"FORBES-WATSON" PATENT FRILT
HELMETS.
CHRISTY'S AND ELLWOOD'S EXTRA
LIGHT FELTS IN NEW SHAPES
AND COLOURS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1884. [26]

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Below and Harves Guide to Japan, 2nd Ed.
The Canton Guide by Dr. Kierr—Maps and
Plans.
Framed Maps of the World, Asia, Europe, &c.
Fresh Stocks of Cop's Golden Cold and
Straight Out.
Morrin, Gold Leaf Honey Dew.
Lovers Tennis Sock, Tennis Bats, Tennis Balls.
Dog Collars in Great Variety.
New Stock of Cigar and Cigarette Tubes.
Briar Root and Meerschaum Pipes.
China and Foreign Goods—All at Wholesale.
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always ready for use—No more soiled finger.
Furniture and Carpets and Ornaments.
Magic Knives and Pencils.
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Continuous Drawing Paper—5 feet wide.
New Songs and Danos Music.

KELLY & WALSH, HONGKONG. 124

HONGKONG, CHINA.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACT.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
TENDERS are invited from Persons desirous of Contracting for the Performance of **VARIOUS WORKS** required in the construction of Fortifications at the **LYMOKE PASS.**
The CONTRACT to be based on the War Department Schedule of Prices for Artificers' Work already applicable to the Station.
Tenders must be accompanied by a copy of Contract and Form of Tender and any further information necessary may be obtained by application to the GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR at the **LYMOKE PASS**.
Tenders must be received at the Surveyor's Office between the **Hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. DAILY.**
A **SUM OF FIVE DOLLARS** will be charged for each Tender, which will be returned to the Contractor on returning the same clean and unused, within one month of the date of issue.
Tenders to be addressed up to 12 O'CLOCK, Noon, on the day of the closing of the Tenders to the **SENIOR COMMISSARIAT OFFICERS** Hongkong, and marked on the outside of the envelope **TENDER FOR WORK AT THE LYMOKE PASS.**

The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

EDMOND WALKER,
Colonel,
Commanding Royal Engineers.
Royal Engineer Office,
Hongkong, 8th May, 1885. [899]

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SALES, 9th May.
OPUM.
 Malwa (New).....\$540 per picul, allowance
 Malwa (Old).....\$560 per picul, allowance
 Patna (New).....\$605 per chest.
 Patna (Old).....630
 Bonass (New).....570
 Bonass (Old).....570

EXCHANGE.
 ON LONDON.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 30 days sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 3 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 6 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 9 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 12 months sight.....3/4
 ON PARIS.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 30 days sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 3 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 6 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 9 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 12 months sight.....3/4
 ON HONGKONG.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 30 days sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 3 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 6 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 9 months sight.....3/4
 Bank Bills at 12 months sight.....3/4

SHARES.
 China Five.....There are buyers at \$67 per share, but no sellers can be found.
 Bopas.....Sales are reported at \$67 per share for cash and end of the month.

Quotations are—
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—140 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$480 per share.
 China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$80 per share.
 North China Insurance Co., Ltd. 290 per share.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—130 per share.
 Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$165 per share.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—148 per share.
 Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$80 per share.
 China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$87 per share.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—58 per cent. prem.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$80 per share premium.
 Indo China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—30 per cent. discount.
 China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—45 per cent. discount.
 Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—1 per cent. discount.
 Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$90 per share.
 Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$160 per share.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$100 per share.
 China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal.
 Luen Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$66 per share.
 Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$140 per share.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$118 per share.
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$40 per share.
 Perak Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.
 Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—13s. 3d. per share.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$67 per share.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 per cent. dis.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

Thermometer—	May 10.
Thermometer—A.M.	78
Thermometer—P.M.	80
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	74
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	77
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	76
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	79
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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

High Water.	Low Water.
May 11.	May 11.
May 12.	May 12.
May 13.	May 13.
May 14.	May 14.
May 15.	May 15.
May 16.	May 16.
May 17.	May 17.
May 18.	May 18.
May 19.	May 19.
May 20.	May 20.
May 21.	May 21.
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May 23.	May 23.
May 24.	May 24.
May 25.	May 25.
May 26.	May 26.
May 27.	May 27.
May 28.	May 28.
May 29.	May 29.
May 30.	May 30.
May 31.	May 31.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

As heights in these Tables are referred, to 5,693 feet above the sea.

The height in the Tables marked with a minus (—) sign are below Low-Water Ordinary Spring-Tides, and should be subtracted from the ordinary rise above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

24th May, 1888, at P. M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force of Wind.	Weather.	State of Sky.	Height of Clouds.
Manila	30.00	87.0	80	W	3	c	b	1100
Hongkong	30.03	77.5	88	W	2	c	b	1100
Amoy	30.03	77.5	88	W	2	c	b	1100
Swatow	30.03	77.5	88	W	2	c	b	1100
Shanghai	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Yokohama	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Kobe	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Manila	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Cebu	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Batavia	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Sourabaya	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
Medan	30.03	80.0	78	W	2	c	b	1100
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CELEBRITIES AT HOME

—The Shah of Persia is a monarch.

Probably the most restless man on the face of the earth is Nussir-Jeen, Shah of Persia, *Asylum of the Universe*, and *King of Kings*. These two titles, as officially given to the absolute monarch of Persia as he apply the more modest term *Majesty*, are not inappropriate, for from the royal throne he has been expelled immediately on his accession the Shah had to goad fortune and escape a determined attempt at assassination, made on him by a band of fanatics of the Babi sect. These men, Communists in the vilest sense of the term, under the exciting influence of persecution, made a bold and nearly successful attempt on the life of the monarch. It was his first brush with the fanatics, and it is needless to add that the unfortunates were cruelly put to death.

The various *Lords of the Government* desperately petitioned for, and obtained, the privilege of ending their sufferings; and has the great noblemen of the kingdom and the poor wretches out of their misery in the same way. The Lord of Assassins is a minister. This wear escape from death has caused his Majesty Nussir-Jeen to change his abode with curious frequency. He still broods the knife of the fanatic. Another reason for the frequent and sudden movements of the Shah is his intense desire for the chase. When hunting and shooting are not possible, the Shah of Persia is a first-rate shot with the rifle—think of the King of Persia is happy; and, in fact, the nomadic existence of his ancestors is almost necessary to him. Swarther than most of his subjects, of middle height, his appearance is so well known, since his visits to Europe, that he hardly needs description. Very affable, he is a good deal of a dandy. His attitudes, and he must open his mouth he gives rather the idea of the wild Hindu. But when he speaks in his loud and imperious way, all idea of humbleness disappears. The loud roar, however, is more the effect of constant habits of command; and the custom of addressing his Majesty in a low voice, and in a low tone, has been gradually made to make it thus more noticeable by contrast. Although the King of Persia has a larger collection of jewels than any other monarch—save on certain occasions, such as the public salami of the new year, he very seldom displays any of them. —He is strikingly plain in his dress. The full-sleeved frock-coat of black cloth, the white waistcoat, and the white shirt, in winter-time is lined and trimmed with priceless-fur, is his usual wear; but the trousers are generally dark.

In the capital the Shah may frequently be seen on horseback, and, like all Persian gentlemen, he rides well; his horses, with long and muscular, dyed crimson hair, and long and muscular, dyed crimson hair, guarded privilege of the King and his sons), are distinguished by their value and beauty. Here, too, the Shah's quiet taste is apparent in the sombre materials of his saddle, though of course each spirited charger has its pure gold or jewelled necklet and trappings, and these barbaric ornaments certainly do not detract from the Shah's dignity. He is seen generally on the ground, his Majesty still maintains a staff of some dozen Royal running footmen, who, clad in his state livery of scarlet and gold, and wearing the turban of other days, with their jingling ornaments, and each armed with a silver staff of office, hover round the Shah and his entourage, and are ready to do the will of the Royal pleasure. Behind come one or two of the Ministers, then poll-men, a throng of mounted courtiers, secretaries and officials, and their hangers-on, while the Royal body-guard of irregulars, each with his gun slung in a pearl cloth case across his back, mix promiscuously among the miscellaneous crowd of courtiers and attendants. Throughout when the Shah is hardly ever seen. The Royal carriage most in vogue with his Majesty bears a suspicious likeness to one of our Sheriff's vehicles; eight horses are harnessed to it, the pairs being ridden by four postillions in scarlet. As a rule the King is alone, the only exceptions being when accompanied by courtiers, and by the Prime Minister, who perhaps some religious magistrate. Bratish as he is in his movements, passing from one suburban palace to another the Royal route may generally be ascertained by observing the water-carriers, who carefully sprinkle the road the King will use. Nor is this a needless form, as the ordinary state of the roads, if they may be dignified with the name, is terrible. Tehran is similar to the dustiest of Derbies.

—The King of Persia is very careful of his health, and his French physician, Dr. Tholozan, is ever with him, so that the unfortunate doctor is as great a gadabout as his master, the Asylum of the Universe. His Majesty enjoys very few pleasures. He has a long day, but he breaks it by a Siesta. It is the Royal habit when tired to be shampooed by his attendants, and it is thought no indignity for a high official to be told to assist in the kneading process. The delights of shampooing, Europeans, as a rule have no idea. It is a real art, and is carried out with great skill and delicacy. The King has many more confidential servants. The chief barber is a man high in office, and he is supposed to be the most proficient in the science. Some of the inhabitants of the Royal anderson; however, acquired such celebrity for their skill in this delicate art as to obtain wealth, rank, and even titles of honour. —The King has several bands, trained by his bandmaster, a Frenchman, M. Lemaire. These bands are fairly good, rather noisy. —M. Lemaire, however, also an excellent flautist; the flute is the favourite instrument of all Persians in their momentary of ease, and the King is no exception. The playing of the flute in the East is supposed to be conducive to sleep. The Shah is usually ready to sleep, and as a rule shampooing goes on concurrently with the reading, both ending gradually as his Majesty drops off. Besides shampooing the big game, which he strictly preserves, the King amuses himself with shooting at a mark, and chess. Chess is his favourite game, and he is called Chess King, his regiments are his latest toy. The inner life and gossip of his capital greatly interest him, and each morning the chief of the police makes his confidential, and at times scandalous, report. Nor is justice at times slow in Persia. It is administered often in a rough and ready fashion, and the King is not averse to the shedding of blood, and has abolished the old custom of the monarch's presiding at capital punishments. Still, capital punishments for quasi-political crimes, such as the non-payment of revenue are not uncommon; and the bowing and the pistoning of the condemned are still in vogue. The bastinado flourishes in fact without it the Persians declare the case would come again. A defaulting debauchee; a thief, an ignominious, a highway robber, a drunkard, a provincial governor branded with high revenue—the punishment for all these faults and crimes; irrespective of age, rank, or position. The bastinado is not a very pleasant thing, and is very cruel, but seldom differing in quality; for unless the patient can bribe the executioner, the

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